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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHAU NGUYEN et al.

Application No.: 09/190,961

Filed: November 12, 1998

For: LIQUID PHOSPHOROUS
PRECURSOR DELIVERY
APPARATUS

Examiner: Richard Bueker

Art Unit: 1763

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION
mailed September 26, 2001

BOX AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Filed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time to respond.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise the paragraph starting at page 2, line 20 to read as follows:

In another embodiment, a polyimide is used for a plug in an injection valve instead of prior art fluoropolymers. The polyimide, preferably VESPEL® (a Du Pont product) is used, and exhibits better tolerance to the liquid phosphorous precursor compound and heat. The polyimide can also be used for gaskets and seals.

Please revise the paragraph starting at page 4, line 18 to read as follows:

Plug 68 in existing valves is a compressible sealer typically made of KEL-F® Du Pont fluoropolymer. We have found that KEL-P® tends to swell up and break. Accordingly,